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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: JTPA TITLE II-C PROGRAM—OIG FINAL AUDIT REPORT

On June 25, 2001, the Employment Development Department (EDD) received Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 23-00 from the United States Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA). The purpose of the TEGL is to notify all states of the results of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) performance audit report on the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title II-C Out-of-School Youth program. The report has particular implications with regard to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth programs.

The OIG audit resulted in some significant findings and recommendations. The OIG found that documented positive program outcomes for the JTPA Title II-C program were significantly lower than reported, particularly entered unsubsidized employment terminations. Additionally, the OIG found significant deficiencies in the documentation supporting youth employability enhancements. The OIG provided three recommendations to DOL/ETA regarding these findings:

- Notify all states and substate WIA grantees of the audit results and emphasize the necessity for states and their grantees to validate outcome data and training provider eligibility determinations.
- Emphasize to the states and the substate grantees the importance of documenting not only reported outcomes but also specific services provided, dates provided, and actual program exit date.
- Include in DOL/ETA's monitoring program a review of the states' and substate grantees' implementing such a data validation effort.

In addition, the OIG found that participants' post-program earnings were affected by the type of training provided and level of participants' participation. They found that almost half of the training activities that were needed to address documented participant barriers were not completed. Based on these findings, the OIG emphasized the importance of not only enrolling WIA youth in occupational skills training, but also finding ways to keep them actively participating in the program to completion in order to maximize their post-program earnings.

The TEGL 23-00 may be accessed at:

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL23-00.pdf>

The entire OIG audit report can be accessed at:

www.oig.dol.gov/public/reports/oa/main.htm

It is suggested that local areas work with their Workforce Investment Division regional advisor with regard to their youth programs, and specifically with regard to youth training strategies, documentation and validation procedures, and the other issues stated in TEGL 23-00 and the OIG audit report. If you have any questions regarding this information bulletin, contact your regional advisor at (916) 653-6347.

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